

FORM B – BUILDING

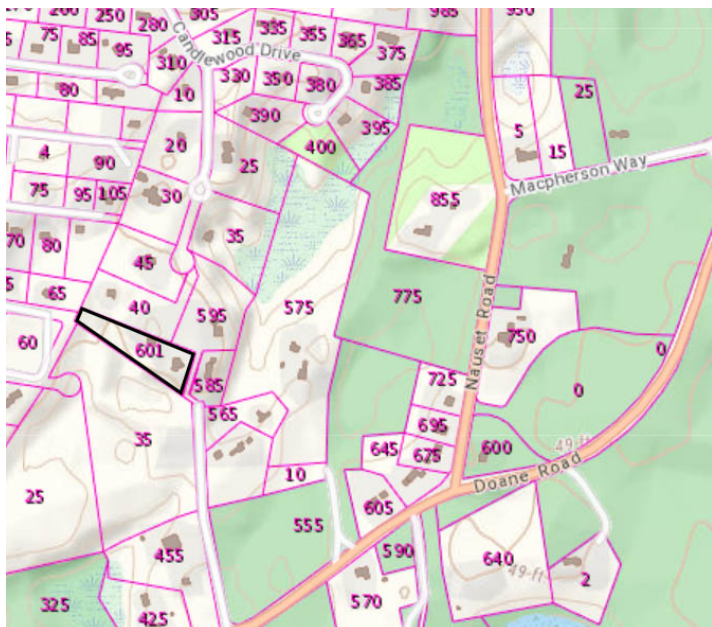
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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



View from SW.

Locus Map (north at top)



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ORLEANS

EAS.779

Town/City: Town of Eastham

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):
North Eastham/Nauset

Address: 601R Nauset Road

Historic Name: McKoy – Fuller House

Uses: Present: single-family residence

Original: single-family residence

Date of Construction: ca. 1900

Source: deeds, historic maps

Style/Form: Summer Cottage

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: concrete block

Wall/Trim: wood shingle/wood

Roof: asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Garage/guest house

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Wings added to front, side & rear, late 20th c.

Condition: good

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 1.188

Setting: The house is set back from Nauset Road at the end of a long private lane. It is bordered by open space on the south and east and 20th-century residential subdivisions on the north and west.

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601 Nauset Road Rear

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The McKoy – Fuller House, built ca. 1900, was designed in a traditional farmhouse manner with a story-and-a-half gable block with dormers and a one-story wing on one end. Since its construction it has been gradually enlarged with a one-story living room with a hipped roof and brick chimney added to the front, a one-story wing added to the easterly end with decorative shingling around a demilune on the gable end, a shed-roof extension on the back of the easterly wing, and a large shed-roof addition with a dormer on the rear. Fenestration is random in type and organization. There are no distinguishing features. A garage with dormers and a two-story guest house wing is located northwest of the house. The house is situated in a compound with two other houses in a clearing at the end of a private lane. Thick foliage screens the compound from more recent residential subdivisions encroaching from the north and west.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The land on which 601R Nauset Road was built about 1900 was one part of the homestead of, successively, master mariners Russell Doane and Joshua Hatch and farmer Eldad Higgins (575R Nauset Road, EAS.97). Higgins had sold the property in 1891 to John McKoy of Wakefield, a Vermont native who married Mary A. Horton in Boston. McKoy sold the tract to his sister-in-law Ella A. Horton in 1894. Ella and Mary Horton McKoy were daughters of Eastham native Henry Horton and his wife Abigail Knowles Mayo, who married in 1836. Ten years later Abigail Horton's sister Rebecca married Martin Manuel, and in 1850 the sisters, their husbands, and their children shared a house in East Boston.

Ella Horton sold the tract to her sister Mary in 1896, and in January Mary McKoy sold five acres of the parcel to her daughter Evangeline (Eva) Agnes McKoy for \$50 and the rest to George H. Manuel, her sister Rebecca's son.¹ The house is probably the one marked "J. McKoy" on the 1905 Eastham map, and it was probably "the cottage on Nauset Road" that Cape newspapers describe as the summer home of the McKoys, who by then lived in Malden.² John McKoy was a dry goods merchant and later in life a manufacturer of medicines, and he and his family lived on Nantucket in 1870, Wakefield in 1880-1900, and Melrose by 1910. In 1920 he was eighty-four years old, retired, and shared his Melrose home with his wife, divorced daughter Mattie MacKenzie (to whom the Hortons also deeded Eastham land beginning in 1914), and Ella A. Horton, then seventy-one years old. John McKoy died in Melrose in 1928, and the Nauset Road property passed to daughter Eva, who had technically owned it since 1900.

In 1903 Eva McKoy, who was born on Nantucket, married salesman Frank Aramintus Fuller, from Keeseville, New York, in Wakefield, and by 1910 they had a son also named Frank and shared their Wakefield household with Ella Horton. Fuller worked as an interior decorator and later as an appraiser for the federal government. In 1930 their son Frank was working as an appraiser's helper, and Ella Horton was again part of the household. The Fullers' arrivals and departures from the "camp off Nauset Road" were regularly reported in Cape newspapers.

Frank A. Fuller died in 1937, and though deeds do not record it the 601R Nauset Road property passed eventually to his son Frank Jr.'s son Clyde F. Fuller. Clyde Fuller was living in North Reading in 1992 when he sold the property out of the family to Mango Realty Trust.³ That trust sold the property to David W. and Mary E. Rimavicus in 1996, and in 2002 they subdivided the parcel and sold 601R Nauset Road to Kim M. Smith of Wellfleet, the owner of record in 2020.⁴

¹ Eldad Higgins to John McKoy, 21 August 1891, BCD 191:596; John McKoy, Malden, to Ella A. Horton, Malden, 26 December 1895, BCD 220:462; Ella A. Horton, Malden, to Mary A. McKoy, Malden, 30 October 1896, BCD 224:527; Mary A. McKoy, Wakefield, to Eva H. McKoy, 20 January 1900, BCD 242:20.

² See, for example, "Eastham," *Barnstable Patriot*, 29 July 1901, 4, and 23 May 1929, 3; their comings and goings were also reported in 1908, 1909, and 192.

³ Clyde F. Fuller, North Reading, to Thomas A. Latanzi, trustee Mango Realty Trust, 18 August 1992, BCD 8166:112.

⁴ Albert Rimavicus, trustee Mango Realty Trust, to David W. and Mary E. Rimavicus, 10 May 1996, BCD 10589:176; David W. and Mary E. Rimavicus to Kim M. Smith, Wellfleet, 15 November 2002, BCD 15950:126. The house is shown on Lot 2 of "Subdivision Plan of Land in Eastham Made for David Rimavicus," October 1992, BCP 493:31.

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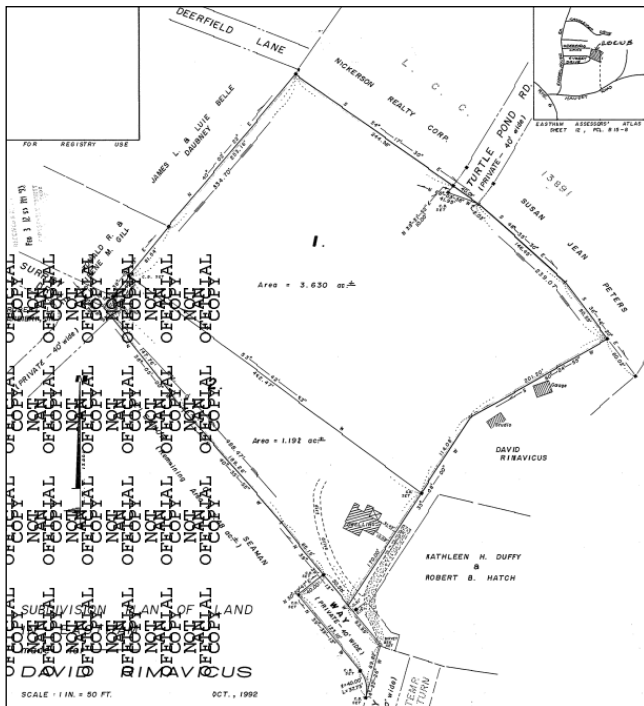
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SUPPLEMENTAL IMAGES



The 601 Nauset Road Rear house is depicted on Lot 2 of the Rimavicus 1992 plan (BCP 493:31).

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PHOTOGRAPHS

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View from NE.